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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST OF FLORENCE ODONGKARA

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POST APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS CASE, AND REGRETS ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. POST TOOK KENYA POLICE AT THEIR WORD WHEN THEY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FLORENCE ODONGKARA'S SAFETY IN KENYA COULD NO LONGER BE GUARANTEED. IT APPEARS THAT ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS TO BELIEVE THAT ONLY A COOLING-OFF PERIOD WAS REQUIRED. THE PRESENT OFFICIAL THAW IN KENYA-UGANDA RELATIONS EASES MATTERS FURTHER, ALTHOUGH TENSIONS MAY RISE AGAIN AT VIRTUALLY ANY TIME. POST CONCURS FULLY WITH DEPT'S VIEW THAT INS PAROLE NOT REQUIRED FOR FLORENCE ODONGKARA AT THIS TIME. SITUATION OF ODONG-WODOLAM FAMILY IS SEPARATE MATTER, AND POST CONCURS WITH PREMISE THAT PHYSICAL SAFETY OF CHILDREN, AND NOT SIMPLE CONVENIENCE OF FAMILY IN EFFORTS TO REUNITE, SHOULD BE DECISIVE FACTOR. IN ANY APPLICATION FOR PAROLE. POST BELIEVES ODONG-WODOLAM CHILDREN PHYSICALLY SAFE IN KENYA FOR PRESENT, BUT ALSO BELIEVES THEY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR F-2 VISAS SO LONG AS PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO UGANDA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE FOR DURATION OF PRESENT REGIME THERE.

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